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A woman places a poppy at a makeshift memorial to Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier following Remembrance Day ceremonies in Ottawa, Nov. 11, 2006.

A Case For Remembrance Day

You've heard all this before. Why should any Canadian these days make a case for Remembrance Day? Some of you might be thinking it's high time someone puts this day to rest once and for all - why should any Canadian care. World War II has been over for more than 50 years and a lot of heroes, the ones who fought in the First and Second World War, are long gone. This is the past and that's where it should belong, in the past. Let me say this, I am not here today trying to put an end to Remembrance Day; I am here to say let's keep it going. We must not only do this for our fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, we also should do this for our young men and women serving in the military today. We need to remind our children that our freedom came at a hefty price, the lives and sacrifices of men across

the country. Despite my "big talk" about why we should remember these men on Remembrance Day, for me the Second World War seems foreign. I wasn't born until after it was over, so why should remembering this day matter to me? My Father fought in the Second World War as a young man before he got married. He believed in what he was doing. My Father didn't talk too much about his experiences in the war. My family knows that he was a gunner operator in a tank, but that's about all we know. Personally, I wouldn't say my Father was an important person as far as Canadian War Veterans go; he was just an ordinary man with a humble beginning, but a man like most back then, an every day person who had dreams of a bright future and safer tomorrow. They were called upon to serve their

country at a time when all they should have been thinking about were getting married, having families and finding work. However, many of these Canadian men made the ultimate sacrifice. In my life, I have often thought about this - my father could have been one of the many men who died during the Second World War. If he had died, I wouldn't be here today trying to convince you to stop and ponder Remembrance Day. None of us, his nine children, many grandchildren, and great grandchildren would be around today to honour him on Remembrance Day. We would not have had children ourselves or grandchildren, a great tragedy in my view. For a moment, just think of all those Canadian men who could have survived the war and built upon their own lives as my Father and Mother had or

as your own parents. "What about all those men who did die?" They gave up more than their lives. They gave up wives, children, grandchildren. They gave up contributing to this country as Canadians. That is a great sacrifice. My Dad made it through the Second World War and I am grateful. What about all those other Canadian men who did return home? We all need to say thanks to these men who have given of themselves in a way most of us will never experience. We will never know unless they tell us what they lived through in the experiences and tragedies of war. When I was young, my Father told me, "What you see on TV about war doesn't even come close to what went on over there." He never offered more than this as an explanation. Think of an alarm clock. Most of us set the time to get up in the morning.

Otherwise, we'd all sleep in and forget to do what we had planned to do that day. The same holds true with Remembrance Day. If I want to think about the great sacrifices of men of the First and Second World War, and of course of young men today who gave their lives for Canada, we need an alarm clock of sorts to make us think about these things. This is what all Remembrance Day is for, a reminder to stop doing the things that we so freely do today in our great country of Canada, and pay homage to the men who fought the wars to protect our freedom. We are here today living a good life because of these great Canadian men and we need to thank them.

Our Canada is great today because of these men. END

-Suzanne Berton/CKA

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Jason Miller
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Welcome back Laurentian Community from what I hope to all was a fulfilling reading week with lots of catching up on work, or rest. In this issue of Lambda I decided to give recognition to Veterans and Remembrance Day for obvious reasons. This day is extremely important in my eyes, as it must be for many of you. My great grandfathers and grandmothers all were participants of both world wars. What they have experienced in their lives I will never understand, but what I can do is understand that it is something I shall never experience, and for that I thank them.

All right, now aside from

Remembrance Day, the American election is in full swing and we will already know the results by the time this paper comes out. However I am still extremely excited to see who wins. All the polls state that Obama has a large lead on McCain, but do not rule out McCain. With America in a National recession people might not want to take risks, and instead stick with the known Republicans. Either way, no matter who wins this election, will have one first, either the first Black President, or the First Woman vice President. Both would be interesting to see how the media reacts.

Now for what I hope all my esteemed lambda readers were waiting for...my inspirational speech. When I took on the role of Editor and Chief of Lambda I wanted to not only create an enjoyable read for students, but to really get people to participate in post sec-

ondary activities because as I have said before University is what you make of it. But, even still after a lot of hard work to attempt to get more people involved in school activities I come to the conclusion that 'You can lead a horse to water, but can not make it drink'. Why? I really want that horse to drink. Maybe students need a bigger push then others. So what are you waiting for? Everyone has that one desire that they want to do, that one thing everyone says they are going to do when they have time. Well there is no time like the present. Excuses will always be available, but chances will not. If you are not interested in doing any activity that is affiliated with the school, look to options available in the city of Sudbury. I cannot give all the answers to what and where to go to get involved in the community. That is another part of university, which is expected

of students, to become mature and independent. Lambda can give information about events, but will never get everything; you must take initiative and search for your interest. Then again maybe that is what is wrong with today's society. With the emergence of the Internet, which connects everyone and make things fast and easy, work ethic drops. If you are unable to get what you want right away that isn't an indication to stop, it means you should work harder. The most valued things in life are ones you have to work for. Today people would rather find a short cut then work for their goal. This only proves how we have become lazy, so get involved and search for that one thing you want. The more time that passes the harder it will be to achieve. So, what are you waiting for? Your life is not getting longer! Until Next Time
-Jason Miller

Poker for tuition contest sparks criticism

By Danielle Webb
CUP Atlantic Bureau Chief

A national online poker tournament for free tuition is causing universities in Atlantic Canada to question the ethics of promoting gambling to its highest risk demographic.

The Canadian College Poker Championship is a 31-week tournament, with the top three finishers each week advancing to the finals to be played in May. The winner will receive up to \$9,000 US to put towards their tuition.

The contest received national media attention when it was reported that Matt Stewart, president of the Cape Breton University Students' Union, had publicly endorsed the tournament.

The CBC reported that the CCBUSU was promoting the tournament through their Facebook site and that Stewart planned to participate.

Stewart says that his comments to the media were misinterpreted and edited to imply he was in support of the contest.

Stewart feels that the only reason the tournament received so much media attention is because his interview was taken out of context. "There have been similar tournaments for the past four or five years. This became such a major issue this year because of the way the story was portrayed during an interview," Stewart said.

In a statement to the student body, Stewart said that the Students' Union is in no way

encouraging students to participate in the tournament - they simply allowed advertisements to be placed in their building. He encouraged students to use their common sense when playing, and reminded them of the addiction services offered by the university.

Other universities are publicly expressing their opposition to the tournament.

"The Acadia Students' Union will not be advocating for or facilitating gambling on our campus regardless of the circumstances. This is not something we want to be promoting on our campus," said Kyle Steele, president of the Students' Union at Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S. Steele plans to continue ensuring that the tournament is not advertised at Acadia.

Angela Marshall, director of the Health and Counselling Centre at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S., is wary of the tournament.

"It's difficult to support an initiative like this because people between the ages of 18 and 24 are at highest risk of developing a gambling problem. Considering this [contest] is towards people of that target age group certainly puts students at an additional risk. So it can exacerbate a risk that's already there," said Marshall.

This demographic is at the highest risk for addictions because young people are so peer-orientated, they're away from home for the first time, and they are still developing an identity, says Marshall.

"Imagine you've got a pot of money you're supposed to be putting into your tuition, tuition's high, the economy's

low, so it makes people vulnerable to making decisions they wouldn't normally make," she said.

Marshall doesn't believe that the online tournament has the power to create gambling problems by itself, but she encourages moderation if students are considering participating.

"Use money that's set aside for entertainment, not money for rent. Don't borrow money to gamble. Set a limit and stick to it. Leave your credit and bank cards at home," she advised.

"Don't be sold out on the

idea: 'Sign up, free today.' Nothing's ever free. If gambling's going on, it costs money, because they need to generate money in order to give it to somebody," she said.

"Don't think of gambling as a way of making money, because it's not. Statistics say you are way more likely to lose than to win anything," she added.

Marshall says that she is not aware of a gambling trend on campus, but still advises students to be aware of what they are getting into.



"Well, doc, I have this fear that everyone in the world is playing poker...except ME."

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Crunch Time



Joe Zamojski
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I can complain all I would like about this years reading week being so late in the semester, but let's face it; it has already been and gone now. It is hard to believe however that over half of this semester is gone, and there is only one month left until final exams. In most classes 50% of our marks have been finalized! This is pretty amazing, considering it feels like yesterday I was just moving back to Sudbury and getting used

to new classes, and everything. Now it is almost time to start new classes all over again. Even though we do not want to face the facts, it is now crunch time, time for hard core studying, assignment completions, and preparation for exams.

This reading week, was placed in my opinion too late in the semester. Most of us students had our midterm exams occur right before, and/or many other major projects as well. I don't know about you, but it was pretty exhausting, and when I went home there were many things I could have done to get ahead and or complete assignments coming up. However, I was just too tired,

and after all busy with all the things that come with going home. The travel for those people who do not live close to the area of Sudbury, the visiting of friends and family, and the relaxation that needed to occur as well because of all the overwhelming work that had to be done before. By the time all of this was fit in my schedule, not much work and studying got completed. I think I can safely say that most students could possibly agree with this statement. Therefore in saying this, much work is still to be done.

November, for some, can be a very stressful, overwhelming, and exhausting month. Being stressed and exhausted is not always a good combination. This can be fatal to marks and focus of students. Looking back to my other topics, it is a very good

time to try and be as active and healthy as possible, to help maintain good concentration and keep your stress levels low. First, getting a high-quality amount of hours of sleep per night is a major step in having great focus throughout the day. Eating properly and healthy, is another way to give your body energy and help with concentration. Being active throughout the week, gives you and your mind a good stress break while doing healthy things for your body as well. Looking from a health perspective, these are some things you could keep in mind. Also, for a second way of thinking, good academic skills can come in handy in a time like this, when school can get a little stressful. Having good organization can be very

helpful at this time, if not always. Good organization leaves for good planning, with great potential for all the work that is to be accomplished. Spacing out your time, and having a good amount of breaks for recuperation, is also very important in keeping stress and fatigue to a minimum. These are just a few possible ideas to help make this crunch time go as smoothly as possible.

Looking at work, health, stress, and many other things that come with university as a whole, exam time approaching just exemplifies these aspects. Keeping calm, having a healthy lifestyle, and being well organized keeps these aspects to a minimum. Try to keep these things in mind, stay healthy, take breaks, and don't let stress get the best of you.

Let Us Not Forget....

Joe Zamojski
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As we live our busy, everyday lives, we should not forget some of the most important people of our past and present. On November 11th, each year we stop and take a day to remember those men and women whom fought for our country and those who continue to do so today. Remembrance Day, a day of thought with moments of silence is a very special and important tradition for Canadians across the nation. There are many wars our soldiers have fought in, to serve our country. Some soldiers are still around to tell the horrific stories, while many have given their lives for us. Much appreciation should be shown to these honourable men and women, if not everyday, especially on this special day called Remembrance Day.

There have been three major wars that have taken place in the past, in which Canadian soldiers have been involved in. The First World War (1914-1918), the Second World War (1939-1945), and the Korean War (1950-1953). Also there have been more since then. Occurring at this time is the war in Afghanistan. This war has sacrificed the lives, and still is, of many Canadian men and women. These soldiers fought and are fighting for our lives, families, and for us to simply live in peace. Statistics taken from the Veterans Affairs Canada say that more than 1 500 000 Canadians have served our country, and over 100 000 have died while doing so. These numbers just keep increasing as years go by. Many families lose loved ones; friends lose special people, and soldiers in the army fighting loose comrade's everyday. There is all of this loss, for peace and freedom in the country in which we live.

Why should we remember these people? These people are special, and some of the most unselfish individuals of our country. Considering in Canada we as Canadian's have the choice of going into the army or not. In other countries, like the United States of America, citizens do not always have this choice. The people of our nation put themselves at great risks; they sacrifice everything, and show nothing but courage and dignity to everyone around them. They fight for us and for our freedom. If we didn't have these special people, where would we be as a country today? During times of war these soldiers become heroes of this country. There

are always many, many acts of heroism that occur in a war, however not all of these get recognized officially. According to the Veterans Affairs Canada, these people all should deserve recognition for their hardships and fears encountered, and by taking part in Remembrance Day thought and silent moments, we have the chance to thank and recognize all of these special brave men and women who have shown amazing accomplishments.

There are many ways of showing our remembrance everyday, but especially on November 11th, Remembrance Day. Tradition shows that on this day all Canadian's pause in silence for two minutes, to pay respect and show reverence to those soldiers whom have died and are still dying today. Also to those still fighting, and the accomplishments made by all. People can also attend dedicatory ceremonies in memory of and to pay tribute to those who have died. Another major tradition, to show respect and that you care is the wearing of the poppy. The poppy, as dates show from the data collected by the Veterans Affairs Canada, was first distributed/sold and worn by Canadians in November of 1912. This tradition has continued on since then, and also has been taken up by other citizens in other countries around the world. This poppy is a reminder of the blood-red coloured flower that still today grows on the battlefields in France and Belgium. In 1915 a gentleman by the name of John McCrae wrote a now famous poem of these flowers that lay above and around the graves of these brave, deceased soldiers.

Taking all of these reminders and thoughts into consideration, this Tuesday, November 11th, 2008, do not forget to take a little time out of your busy schedule to pay special respect to these brave soldiers. They have fought for us to live in peace, and most importantly, for our freedom. Wear a poppy, go to a memorial, and/or just take two minutes in silence, for these people deserve at least this much appreciation, for all they have done for you.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
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- John McCrae

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Stop Blaming Falun Gong

Letter to the Editor
By MWC NEWS
Marie Beaulieu

I was appalled and saddened to see the show "Malaise dans le Chinatown: Enquete" which was aired on Radio-Canada Oct. 30, 2008. To my surprise, it painted a rather grim picture of a well-respected, benign group which is currently being persecuted by the Chinese Communist Regime for their beliefs.

The nine-year illegal and extremely brutal persecution of Falun Gong in China has been well documented by the UN, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and other human rights organizations worldwide.

However, Radio-Canada's misleading program failed to portray the intensity and injustice of this persecution. Instead, it was biased and sought to embrace the classic scenario of portraying the victim as the real villain

while the perpetrator (the Chinese communist regime) becomes the hero. This message came out loud and clear from beginning to end.

It is honestly distressful that Radio-Canada would resort to such journalistic manipulation. By implying that Falun Gong practitioners are liars and troublemakers, this show will actually have the effect of causing damage to the Falun Gong community. They already have to contend with constant interference by the Chinese consulates and the embassy in Ottawa spreading hate and misinformation against them in Chinese communities across the country. They don't need Canada's national broadcaster adding to their problems.

Around the world, it's a common sight to see groups of practitioners appeal for an end to the persecution in countries/cities where they can exercise their free speech and peacefully raise awareness of the brutal treatment of their counterparts in China. They also hope to stop the vilification of Falun Gong by pro-communist

groups overseas -- groups who are following orders from the Chinese consulates and embassies as revealed by a number of defectors during the past few years.

Judging by the narrow scope of Radio-Canada's program, a bit of background on Falun Gong of the Buddha School is necessary, as there appears to be a missing link in their "expose."

Falun Gong is an ancient spiritual discipline based on the values of Truth-Compassion-Forbearance that includes gentle exercises and meditation. It was widely accepted in China before the persecution was launched in 1999. Because of its popularity, the then-leader of China, Jiang Zemin, declared that the Chinese Communist Party had to overcome Falun Gong and promptly launched a campaign of violence against the group.

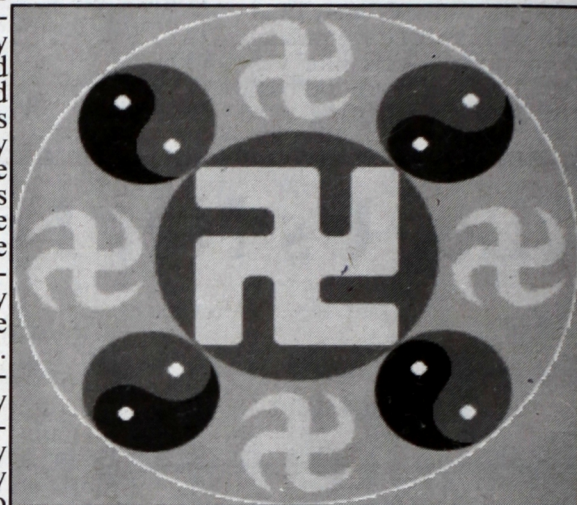
For the past nine years this illegal persecution of Falun Gong has continued unabated. UN Special Rapporteur Manfred Nowak stated in his 2007 report that Falun Gong

practitioners accounted for 66 percent of victims of alleged torture while in government custody. U.S. State Department annual reports indicate that Falun Gong practitioners constitute at least half of the 250,000 officially recorded inmates in reeducation-through-labor camps in China while the real number could be even higher.

Unfortunately this poor showing by Radio-Canada is not an isolated incident. We all remember how Peter Rowe's documentary 'Beyond the Red Wall' was pulled by CBC three hours before show time after intervention by the Chinese embassy. The documentary was subsequently doctored to

hide the most damning evidence of the illicit harvesting of Falun Gong practitioners' organs by the regime in China.

CBC lost some credibility by that action by kowtowing to a foreign regime. Radio Canada is now provided with an opportunity to regain some of that credibility and show some integrity by not broadcasting this documentary in the future and presenting the real facts instead.



Quantum Dots

Matt Strickland
Lambda Writer

Fast Cars and Unforgettable Rear Ends
Welcome back to Quantum Dots, Lambda's column on cutting-edge and entertain-

ing advances from the world of science. Why should a campus paper have a science column when most students spend their days going to some boring sciencey class anyway? Well, mainly because most of the material you're learning in class is old, old news. That's not to say the material isn't true—most of it is—but it's rarely on the forefront of research or even all that cool. With every issue of the Lambda, Quantum Dots will try to distill the most important, interesting, and entertaining scientific discoveries of the preceding two weeks.

This Ride Needs no Pimpin'

A group of engineers from the U.K. have unveiled the preliminary design of a vehicle with which they hope to break the land-speed record. How fast does that involve going? They figure they'll be able to get the vehicle, named Bloodhound SSC, up to speeds of 1600 km/h. For the record, that's about 400 km/h faster than the speed of sound and over four times as fast as the top speed of a Formula One car. The British team's vehicle will be 13 metres long, 6.4 metres wide, and powered by both a jet engine and a rocket engine. The real mystery, however, lies in the complicated physics of accomplishing such a feat. Although physicists and engineers have a good understanding of sonic booms—the shockwave that's formed at the front of any object moving faster than the speed of sound—as it applies to aircraft, no one has ever tried to sustain one so close to the ground before. Since no wind tunnel can muster enough force to test their prototypes, they'll have to rely entirely on computer simulations to try to figure out how the huge pressure wave will interact with the ground beneath the car.

Geeks Are Sooooo Dreamy
Female university student

prefer brainiacs over dumb jocks, report a group of researchers from North Carolina. The scientists took a group of 15 men, had them all write a standardized intelligence test, and then videotaped them reading the news, speaking about the ramifications of life on Mars, describing why they'd be a good date, and playing Frisbee. They showed those videos to 200 UNC students and asked them to rate the subject's intelligence, attractiveness, and appeal for a short-term and long-term relationship. Interestingly, the women were very good at figuring out who was smart and who wasn't based solely on the available footage. Furthermore, the man's intelligence was a very good indicator of who the females thought would be best for both short- and long-term relationships. The researchers suggest that this behaviour evolved so that women would favour men who can both provide for them and provide a better battery of genes for their offspring. Ladies may want to consider looking for Mr. Right in LU's labs, library, and calculus classes rather than in The Pub Downunder.

I'd Recognize that Bum Anywhere
Pretty good at remembering faces? How are you with rear ends? Well chimps are pretty good at both. Primatologists from Atlanta recently demonstrated that chimpanzees are very good at recognizing the back sides of their friend. Shown a cropped picture of a bum and then presented with a series of faces, the primates were reliably able to match the corresponding two. They weren't, however, able to perform the feat with chimps that they hadn't met, implying that they actually recognized the bum and weren't just picking up generic clues from, say, the hair or skin colour. It's well known that animals are very good at recognizing other members of

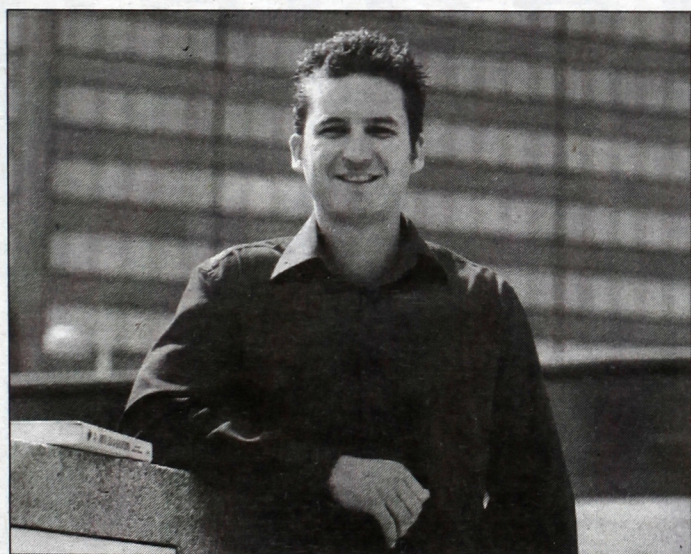
their species, but this work is interesting to scientists because it means animals may actually form whole body representations of their friends. Until now, it was believed that the only other species with this ability was humans. So ask yourself, if you lined up the bums of your closest friends, could you figure out whose was whose?

Runners Benefit Long After Unlacing Their Shoes

Runners and other endurance athletes burn far more calories than sedentary counterparts even when they're at rest. A group from Yale took a good, hard look at some of the changes which occur at the cellular level with rigorous, regular exercise. It's already been established that long periods of aerobic exercise increase the number of mitochondria within each cell. These microscopic power plants are the structures responsible for converting the sugar and fat that you eat into ATP, the principal energy molecule used to drive your body's chemical reactions. Having all those extra engines means that runners who ran as little as four hours a week use 54% more fuel while resting than your average couch jockey. Oddly enough, however, everyone seems to produce the same rough quantity of ATP. That means that athletes end up wasting a lot of their fuel by turning it into heat and having a lot less ATP molecules actually hanging around the cell. It also indicates that runners clean out cellular fats—the tiny amounts of fat which float about inside your cells and which are a big risk factor for type 2 diabetes. The research helps explain why aerobic activity has a protective effect against diabetes and just reinforces the fact that you should get yourself out of UC and over to the PHED building or campus trails.

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From the Outside looking In

John Mavity
Lambda Writer

The casual observer of politics and economics may have noticed something about the past few decades of political debate: the scope of debate has narrowed. The scope of debate has narrowed, and in most cases almost disappeared; rather than debating whether or not to implement a policy, the debate is how rapidly to implement it. Rather than debating whether or not to prohibit a policy, the debate is how completely to prohibit it. This election season is not different. For the purposes of this article, I propose a change in perspective: instead of considering the differences in opinion, let's look at the similarities. My example, the US presidential elections.

FISCAL ISSUES - Both Obama and McCain voted in favor of the recent "bailout", which nationalized most of the nation's major banks. Both Obama and McCain favor a graduated income tax, but Obama wants to increase the tax on the rich and decrease the tax on the poor, whereas McCain (recently) wants to decrease the tax for the rich, and slightly decrease the tax for the poor. Neither Obama nor McCain has made much of a fuss about the national debt, which now stands at about \$10,000,000,000,000 (did I get that right?) ten trillion dollars.

CIVIL ISSUES - Both Obama and McCain voted in favor of the Patriot Act, although Obama only really supported the final version.

Both Obama and McCain voted in favor of granting immunity to phone companies (who illegally allowed the government to snoop on every phone call in the country). Both Obama and McCain favor increasing the surveillance powers of the State; both Obama and McCain actively support the National ID Card program; both Obama and McCain support granting amnesty to illegal immigrants; and here's an elephant in the room: neither Obama nor McCain has made any comment about the recent rise of state-sanctioned "Free Speech Zones" (guess what happens if you're NOT in a "Free Speech Zone"?)

SOCIAL ISSUES - Both Obama and McCain believe education is a federal matter, although Obama believes it should be sponsored directly while McCain would rather give vouchers. Both Obama and McCain believe health is a federal matter, and intend to subsidize it: Obama would subsidize it directly, McCain would give tax breaks. Both Obama and McCain believe social security is a federal matter, although again Obama would prefer to support it directly, while McCain would support private accounts that the government would regulate and contribute to; and finally, both McCain and Obama would support importing prescription drugs, in order to reduce their costs.

MORAL ISSUES - Both Obama and McCain agree with gay civil unions, not gay marriage, and consider the matter a state issue, not a federal issue; Obama supports explicit legislation for gay rights, while McCain considers current

anti-discrimination legislation sufficient. Both Obama and McCain support embryonic stem cell research, although Obama supports custom-harvesting of the cells while McCain doesn't. Both Obama and McCain support the death penalty and background checks for guns.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - McCain and Obama actually co-sponsored the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act, "A bill to provide for a program to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States ..., to support the deployment of new climate change-related technologies, and to ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes." [Library of Congress] Both believe the country must fight global warming, both support mandatory emissions caps, and both support tougher fuel efficiency requirements.

MILITARY ISSUES - Both Obama and McCain want to increase the size of and funding to the military: Obama wants 90,000 more soldiers and marines, whereas McCain wants 150,000 additional troops. Both Obama and McCain condemned the Russians over the Georgia incident (Synopsis: a province in Georgia wanted to separate, the Georgian gov. sent in troops who opened fire, the province asked the Russians for help, the Russians pushed the government troops out of the

province). Both McCain and Obama support and defend Israel, although McCain's support is unconditional and Obama favors diplomacy. Both Obama and McCain want to move more troops into Afghanistan: Obama wants to send at least two more brigades, while McCain wants to send three. Both think a military first-strike on Iran - remember, this is a country ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET - is acceptable, and cannot be ruled out.

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM: The American military Empire. According to the DoD "Active Military Duty Personnel Strengths by Regional Area and Country, 2001" and "Base Structure Report, FY 2002", in conjunction with the Monthly Review (March 2002), as of 2002 there are 156 countries on the planet with U.S. troops in them; of these, there are SIXTY THREE (63!!!) countries with U.S. military bases and troops; and since September 11, thirteen new bases have been built in seven new countries. The Center for Defense Almanac 2001-2002 put the military budget of the U.S. equal to the combined military budgets of the next 25 biggest spenders, including Russia in second place with a military budget 15% as big as America's; and a prominent Congressman has written that there are at least 700 U.S. military bases around the world. That is the elephant in the room, ladies and gentlemen: the American military has

bases in 1 out of 3 countries, and military personnel in 3 out of every 4 countries on the planet. And what do McCain and Obama have to say about that? Yep, you guessed it, and you can bet it's unanimous: no comment.

Now, they are not clones in every sense: they hold near-totally different opinions on whether to set a timeline for withdrawal from Iraq, whether citizens should be allowed to own guns or not, and whether abortion should be legal or illegal, and these are three of the biggest issues in the country. More generally, Obama favors direct government involvement while McCain favors indirect government involvement. And while they both talk of the need for American military involvement overseas for National Security and international humanitarian obligations, Obama indicates he will favor diplomacy while McCain indicates he will favor force.

I've heard Obama called a reluctantly war-mongering socialist, and McCain called a reluctantly socialist warmonger. They are both convinced that "national security" involves "overseas military efforts"; but at the end of the day, the similarity is right out there in the open: Obama wants to increase the size of the welfare state; McCain wants to increase the size of the warfare state.

Procrastination and the Arts: Laurentian LUMinaries Series

Anja-Rysial Laffrenier
Lambda Writer

After pumpkin carving, costume-wearing, treating, and smiles from ear to ear, Halloween ended with thoughts of reading week also coming to an end. Hopefully everyone was working more than my brain allowed me to do. Instead, I was hanging out with family and friends, and finding time to procrastinate until the last few days of reading week. Then, I thought that I would procrastinate some more once school resumed by attending Marian Engel Award winning Canadian author, Terry Griggs LUMinaries reading on Friday November 7th 2008. Terry Griggs who presently lives in Stratford, Ontario was born on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. She is best known for her novel Quicken which was a finalist at the 1991 Governor General's Awards. With so many events on campus, sometimes putting off home-

work is not such a bad thing. We have the opportunity to take a break from the chaos of school books, essays, and thoughts of due dates in order to take part in the artsy side of our Laurentian community. So I suggest taking a break this Friday, November 7th to join Terry Griggs, proudly sponsored by the Department of English, the English Arts Society, and supported by the Canada Council for the Arts.

If you are starving for food and procrastination, bring your attention and empty stomachs to the Brenda Wallace Reading Room in Laurentian University's J.N. Desmarais Library on Friday November 7th 2008. Doors Open at 7:30 pm and the reading begins at 8:00 pm. For entry, use Outside Entrance "E." Parking will be available in Visitors' Parking Lot #4. If you have some extra cash lying around, you can also purchase a book and get it signed! Admission and Refreshments are Free, what more could a student ask for?

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Thirsty Thursday, Take Two

A personal concert with Andrew Hyatt and Mandippal Jandu



Jacqueline Miller
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This is only the second Thirsty Thursday of the year, and it may be true that many people don't know about this new event, but it already has some loyal followers.

The idea to bring live music to Laurentian at a venue other than the frosh concert came from Amanda Ree (SGA VP Services) who is also in charge of booking all the talent and organizing the entire evening. She has found amazing talent from Ontario and Sudbury, so not only do students get an opportunity to see live musicians and enjoy a night out at the pub, but the musicians are local talent and more than willing to stay and talk after the show.

On October 16th Andrew Hyatt (a local Sudbury artist) and Mandippal Jandu came out for the second Thirsty Thursday of the year. Compared to the first night it had a low turnout, but everyone who came out got to experience an evening full of comedy – and they thought they were just going to get musical entertainment for the evening!

Andrew Hyatt started off the

evening, playing a lot of his new music and also some music from his previous bands, The Jupiter Project and Scarlet Tag. "If the vocals and acoustics can't stand alone, I won't even bring it to a band setting," he said, when asked to explain why he was able to play some older songs without a band behind him.

Originally from Sudbury, Hyatt moved to Toronto to attend an intense one year program at Seneca College for recording arts. As part of the program he also studied the business side of the music industry, marketing, duplicating, and mixing and mastering music. Hyatt worked at Mission Studio before deciding that he preferred singing and performing to mixing music, and left to continue to perform and tour, moving back to Sudbury in June 2008. He joked about his hometown, telling Jandu that he had better keep an eye on his guitar, because the "good ol' Sudbury winter, it's not good on quality guitars."

Hyatt's father played the piano and sang when he was a child, so Hyatt started singing along and eventually picked up a guitar and started writing and performing his own songs. He has been performing for six years, both with his two previous bands and as a solo artist. When asked where



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Andrew Hyatt a local Sudbury artist plays the guitar at The Pub for the second Thirsty Thursday

the inspiration for his songs comes from he said that he writes from life experience—anything from his family, something he has been researching or reading, or current social issues. Listening to the lyrics of his songs, you can tell that he has essentially bared his soul on stage for everyone to see, especially in songs like "Take This as a Sign," which he wrote about his parents' divorce.

Some of Hyatt's friends came to watch the show and were quick to suggest more songs for him to play and occasionally heckled him, which he doesn't hesitate to return. He is currently trying to find time to record his debut album at a studio in Sudbury. The second performer of the evening was Mandippal Jandu, from Cambridge, Ontario. Jandu has been singing for eight years, two of which have been professionally, and originally started playing in a band with his sister and has his solo career as a side project, which then became full time after his sister got married. Jandu played at the Canadian Organization of

Campus Activities (COCA) in October 2007, which is where he met Amanda Ree. That's how Jandu then ended up in Sudbury last year on Valentine's Day playing at the pub with David Cavan Fraser, and how he ended up at LU again for this Thirsty Thursday. "COCA has been the best thing for my career so far," he said, and considering it has lead to him opening for Jully Black twice (once at St. Clair College in Windsor, and once at Hamilton Place), as well as Sarah Slean and Craig Cardiff, it seems COCA has been very good to him indeed.

Jandu's first experience with in the music industry came in Grade 9 when he was cast in one of the starring roles of "Guys and Dolls". After, he was serious! considering going into musical theatre before he picked up a guitar in Grade 10, and he never looked back. He has developed a very eclectic taste in music, having grown up with two older sisters, and his major influences right now are Jason Mraz, who he says is his "be all and end all," John Mayer, Jeff Buckley, and Incubus. He also listens to many independent artists, such as Pat Robitaille, Lights, and Justin Nozuka, who he is good friends with. "It's funny, because most of

the music that came out on Justin's album, I've had on my iPod for years," he says. Most of Jandu's songs come from personal experiences of heartache and heartbreak. "Most of my happy songs aren't about anything," he says. "The sad songs always have a meaning behind them." Many of the happier songs he has written have actually been for weddings, such as "Everything I Am," which he wrote for his sister when she was getting married.

After the show, both artists were happy to stay and chat with those in the audience, and Jandu had his first EP, "When It's Only Me Standing" for sale. Though it was a small crowd, everyone was very appreciative and Hyatt and Jandu were able to interact with the audience one on one so that the evening felt almost like a private concert.

To listen to any of Hyatt's music, check out his MySpace page at www.myspace.com/andrewhyattrock. To listen to any of Jandu's music, you can check out his MySpace page at www.myspace.com/mandippal, his Facebook fan page, or his YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/mandippal. In addition, his songs are also available through iTunes.



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Mandippal Jandu plays at The Pub on Oct. 16th for the second Thirsty Thursday

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What to Expect in the Next few Weeks

Jacqueline Miller

Arts and Entertainment
Editor

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen! I hope you all had a great Reading Week – I know I did. I got out to some pretty exciting events this week – everything from concerts to dance shows and sporting events. I think everyone needed the week to relax and unwind, and attempt to catch up on some homework. With everyone now back at school and refreshed, it is the ideal time to catch some of the great events going on at LU. Unfortunately, I am out of town this weekend on a joint Theatre/German Department trip, so I will be unable to attend some of them, but I hope that all of you who are able to attend make it out. On Friday November 7th, LUL's Got Talent is being held at the Fraser Auditorium and the cost is \$5, with donations accepted for the Easter Seals. With everything from dancers to musicians, to contortionists and juggling, it will be easy for people to see something they enjoy, and everyone on stage is from the school – so see the talents people are hiding during the day! You would be amazed at what sort of talents your fellow students have.

There is also a two day concert event being held in honour of Elliott Carter's 100th birthday, featuring perform-

ances by the Estria Reed Trio, Yoko Hirota, Ian Gibson, and Christian Robertson. It is being held at St. Peter's Church on York Street on November 7th and 8th. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, with the option of purchasing a Concert Series Pass for \$60 per adult or \$50 per student (this includes all of the concerts throughout the year, the last one being on March 28th). Check out <http://www.5pennynewmusic.ca/> for more information about the performers and this concert and other upcoming ones.

A great Canadian author will soon be visiting our school – Margaret Atwood will be here on November 13th to help celebrate the fourth annual Margaret Atwood Birthday dinner. There will be a gourmet dinner and a chance to meet the author herself, and hear her read from her new work, *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth*. Tickets are \$60, which includes a \$30 tax receipt for donation to Laurentian's proposed Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre as championed by the Next 50 Campaign. Student tickets (without the tax receipt) are \$30. Tickets are available on campus from the Department of English on the 7th floor of the Parker Building, Reception in the Parker Building Foyer, the Office of Academic Native Affairs on the third floor of the Parker Building. They are also available by credit card purchase from the Development Office (675-

4872), and in downtown Sudbury at Jan Browning Boutique on Durham Street. For more information, contact Professor Shannon Hengen or Professor Susan Glover in the Department of English at 705-675-1151, ext. 4340. I am personally quite looking forward to this, as it will be a great experience to hear Atwood read from her own work and potentially have a chance to speak with her.

The 4th concert of the Laurentian Concert Series is on November 17th at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's United Church (111 Larch Street). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. The Laurentian University Choir will perform J.S. Bach's glorious Magnificat, as well as other Baroque gems and lighter jazz-influenced seasonal selections. The choir is conducted by Dr. James McGowan and will also feature a number of excellent vocal soloists and instrumentalists.

Bach's Magnificat is one of the master's greatest and most popular choral works. Our performance will be directed by James McGowan, with special guests mezzo-soprano Monica Zerbe and tenor Jeff Wiseman. Also featured will be student soloists

Stephanie Desjardins, Janelle Lapalme, Everett Morrison, and Christina Guillemette, with instrumental accompaniment by Nigel Robbins, oboe and oboe d'amore, Myriam Valley and Carol Collier, flutes, and Charlene Biggs, piano. The second half of the program will feature our guest musicians

singing choice solos and duets, as well as the choir performing exhilarating jazz selections accompanied by a jazz combo.

Opening night for "Romeo and Juliet" is Friday November 21st at 8 pm at Thorneloe Theatre. It's running for 7 performances - November 22nd, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th at 8 pm and a matinee on November 23rd at 1 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, with a Toonie Night on the 26th. There is also a Pay What You Can open rehearsal on November 20th. Tickets are available at the LU Bookstore and at the door, and reservations can be made by calling 673-1730, ext.0. It is directed by Valerie Senyk and features a cast of current students and some alumni. It is a modernized adaptation that relies heavily on the influences of Chinese propaganda art and theatre.

There is also a concert being held on November 21st at 7:30 pm in the foyer of the Desmarais Library. It will be an informal evening of early music from 17th century England featuring members of Dr. Charlotte Leonard's baroque music class, some poetry from Dr. Susan Glover's English class, and some laughs and singing that will include the whole audience. The English were known for rounds that incorporate "naughty" lyrics, which I am sure there will be plenty of throughout the evening. There will hopefully be some munchies from the era, and perhaps even a bar. As well, November is

National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo. The goal is to write an entire novel over the course of the month, with a 50,000 word count, or 175 pages. You can sign up at www.nanowrimo.org where you can find all the rules. In 2007 there were over 100,000 participants and over 15,000 made the deadline with 50,000 words. The main goal that this aims to achieve is to force people to write on a deadline, and focus more on quantity than quality. You can end up writing a lot of awful sentences and entire chapters, but you walk away with a great deal of work completed and the chance to expand on it and make it into something much better. At the encouragement of a friend, I am going to attempt to write my own novel – I don't know yet what it will be about, but I am sure that I will be able to come up with something, and it will be interesting to see how much I can actually get written. Perhaps I can ask Ms. Atwood for some pointers while she is here. Time to put pen to paper and see what comes up.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and I hope that you are all able to find some time to come out and support your fellow students, and see what they can do! They put a lot of time, effort, blood, sweat, and tears into these shows, so come out and show your support. And don't forget that Sue Johanson will be at the Pub Downunder on Thursday November 20th – free for all SGA members!

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Country Cruise	Monday 7:30am
Let's Pertend	9:30am
Andy Travis' CKLU Top 30 Chart Countdown	11:00am
Open	2:00pm
City Spins (Local Music Show)	4:00pm
SGA	5:00pm
The Learning Clinic (educational talk radio)	6:00pm
Restaurant At The End Of The Universe (Open)	8:00pm
non-sequitor radio	10:00pm
Rave Doug	12:00am

Country Cruise	Tuesday 7:30am
It's vinylly tuesday	9:30am
Maggie May Classic B-side Rock (Classic Rock)	10:30pm
Open	12:00pm
Barry Champlain 'Things To Do On A Tuesday Afternoon Show'	1:00pm
Famous Flava Reggae	4:00pm
Famous Flava Reggae	6:00pm
Artistry In Jazz (Jazz)	8:00pm
The Show	10:00pm
Open	12:00am

Open	Wednesday 9:30am
Monster A Go-Go (Open-Garage-Soul)	10:00am
Lunch With The Trinnie (Community Interviews)	12:00pm
Flow	2:00pm
Flow	3:00pm
Folk Rock	5:00pm
beeps squeeks and clicks (w/ electro Joel)	6:00pm
Audible Pornography	8:00pm
Night Fright	10:00pm
Open	12:00am

Country Cruise	Thursday 7:30am
Jazz	9:30am
Putamayo world music hour	11:30am
Green Majority	12:30pm
Radio Goethe (German Electronica) (Pre-Recorded)	1:30pm
Open	2:30pm
Cosmic Dave's 'LATE NIGHT' Radio Show, with your host Cosmic Dave	4:20pm
Hot Bunny Radio (Open)	6:00pm
Metal Corp. (Metal)	8:00pm
The Kayla Show	10:00pm
Open	12:00am

Reg's Recycled Records (Seniors)	Friday 7:30am
Peek at the Past (Seniors)	10:00am
Sounds for Seniors (Seniors-Swing-Jazz-Jive)	11:00pm
Music of your Life (Seniors)	1:00pm
Reg's Recycled Records/Trance room	2:00pm
Miller Time (Jason Miller)	3:00pm
My Pickin' Parlour (Guitar - Not Rock)	6:00pm
Artistry in Jazz (Jazz)	8:00pm
This Week in Braille (Experimental)	10:00pm

Open	Saturday 7:30am
And Now... (Open)	10:00am
Discorporate Rock Radio	12:00am
famous flava	2:00pm
famous flava	4:00pm
Village of the Darned (Open)	6:00pm
We Be Jammin' (Urban)	8:00pm
Rhythms Of Clublife (Trance/House)	10:00pm
Notes From The Underground (Urban)	12:00am

Slot Available	Sunday 7:30am
Sitting Back Pickin' (Open)	10:00am
Radio Polonia (Polish)	12:00pm
The Jig's Up (East-Coast - Celtic)	1:30pm
Vibrations of India (South Asian)	2:30pm
Open	4:00pm
Light Classics w/ Sig	6:00pm
La Revanche des Singes Volants (French)	8:00pm
Above The Waste (Metal)	10:00pm
The Nadine Show	12:00am

GLASSBOX Set to Launch "AUX"

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TORONTO, November 3, 2008 — GlassBOX Television Inc. is set to launch AUX, Canada's first and only interactive, cross-platform channel dedicated to emerging music. AUX will showcase new and established artists while focusing on Canada's own. AUX is a mix of music content featuring: videos, live performance, artist interviews, in-depth profiles, behind-the-scenes docs, news, and insider reports on top industry events. AUX debuts on November 24th at www.aux.tv with plans to soon be available anywhere its core audience of 18-34s wants it including mobile, VOD, podcasts and conventional television. GlassBOX Television currently has an application before the CRTC for a category 2 specialty television license for the service. A weekly two hour AUX programming block will premiere November 24th at 9 p.m. ET on BITE TV, GlassBOX's award winning multi-platform channel.

"You only have to look at the

international success stories of artists such as Feist, Alexisonfire and Arcade Fire to see Canada is one of the hottest emerging music scenes in the world, yet new music is severely underrepresented in mainstream media," said Raja Khanna Co-CEO, GlassBOX Television. "It's important that AUX is launching online, on TV and on mobile, as today's young audiences want the content they like to be available everywhere."

"The launch of AUX furthers GlassBOX Television's mandate to develop and promote new talent by making use of digital media and new technologies," said GlassBOX Television Co-CEO Jeffrey Elliott. "With BITE TV and now AUX, GlassBOX is growing to become an even more important part of Canada's media landscape."

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MICROORGANISM UTOPIA – A.K.A OCEANIC DEAD ZONES



**Mustafa
Abdulhusein**
Science & Tech
Editor

Water, the most important resource for the maintenance of human life on Earth, is being dangerously threatened. By you.

And also by me. In fact, all human beings are playing their part – whether large, or small, direct or indirect, in the deterioration of our natu

I therefore went about trying to find out more about them. I knew they had to do with bacteria and algae, so I contacted Dr. Mazen Saleh of Laurentian University's Microbiology department. According to Dr. Saleh, "dead zones (normally present near inhabited coast lines), are zones of very low concentrations of dissolved oxygen in the water. Of which, the consequence on life forms is obvious."

Indeed, the consequence is obvious. Low levels of oxygen can only mean one thing = death. Not only are the dead zones deadly for fish

sources of phosphorus and nitrogen, say from sewage or commercial activities, to the body of water. This "eutrophication" (chemical nutrients in the water) results in formation of blooms of algae and cyanobacteria (phytoplankton), which produce oxygen as they grow near the surface. However, after they die, cell debris fall and settle near the bottom. The cell debris is then degraded by microorganisms near the bottom where large amounts of dissolved oxygen are used up during the process and CO₂ is produced as a result.

This is how oxygen is depleted from water and dead zones are created."

Under normal or historical conditions, new life flourishes in the spring. But in the Gulf of Mexico, in the spring, farmers tend to fertilize their crops. With even more powerful fertilizers (increased amount of nitrogen and phosphorus), farmers actually tend to use more of the fertilizer for greater success. Well, needless to say this results in a scene of devastation and death for the Gulf. The run-off is like a cyanobacteria all-you-can eat drive through that never closes! Millions of tons of raw sewage and pollutants (like fertilizer) cause a feeding frenzy by phytoplankton, which then die and are decomposed by bacteria which use up the oxygen. Entire water columns have been shown to be completely void of oxygen.

This means that from the very bottom of the ocean, to the surface, it's just a huge column of bacteria. And the water contains very little oxygen at this point. Therefore, fish cannot survive. In order to avoid these zones, fish expend great deals of energy swimming around and away from the increasingly large dead zones.

But the effect on fish is not just an inconvenience in a morning swim. In laboratory-induced hypoxic (low-levels of oxygen) conditions, fish were shown to have smaller sex organs, which is an issue because it may actually result in species extinction.

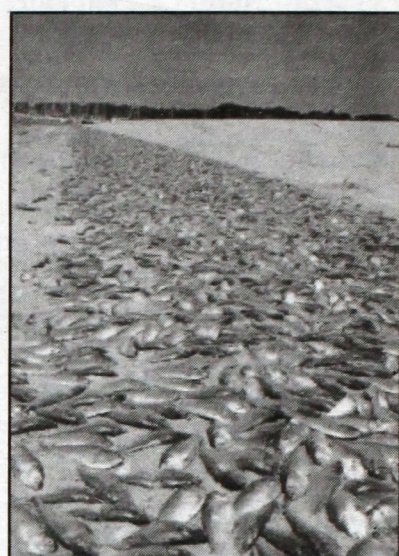
However, this isn't even the most upsetting part! To reduce its dependence on foreign oil, America has invested millions into alternative or bio-fuel technology. For the most part, corn is used to make ethanol. That opens up a

whole new can of worms. Or bacteria. What will happen is that all this new funding will encourage farmers to grow new corn crops. Unfortunately for the Gulf, corn is a crop which needs the greatest amount of fertilizer. According to a CBC article written last year, the dead zone of the Gulf was predicted to be 22,015 square kilometers by the summer of 2007. 22,015 square kilometers! That's practically the size of New Jersey! A US Senate report indicated that with the increase of ethanol production, this single zone is set to swell by 10-19% by 2022.

Don't be under the false impression that 2022 is that far away, or that dead zones are an exotic issue which don't affect us in the wonderful world of Sudbury. Lakes Erie and Superior are home to smaller zones, which nonetheless are rated among the world's estimated 405 dead zones.

Whether in Lake Superior or in the Gulf of Mexico or in the Yangtze River, these dead zones all link back to us – to humans and to our activities.

I asked Dr. Saleh what could be done about them. The outlook was grim at best. "Water normally recovers on its own. There are ways to rehabilitate but they are expensive and are not practical on a large scale. One can however discourage the dumping of nitrates/nitrogen



Dead fish wash up from the dead zones

and phosphates into water. One can also educate the public on using excessive lawn fertilizer."

Considering the consequences of diminishing oceans and dying ocean life, we should try to focus on reducing our carbon and nitrogen footprints, and in the process of solving global warming, not forget about the hundreds of equally pressing and urgent environmental issues. Also, as students, our voices are important. Contact the International Joint Commission (IJC) or your local MP and ask what is being done about issues like this one and others. At the very least, spread the word.



The boundaries are clear, but ever expanding.

ral environment. We have all heard about global warming and the polluting activities that cause it. Unfortunately though, I find that in this environmentally green shift, we find ourselves forgetting about additional issues facing the environment. Dead zones of the ocean are a prime example. In fact, until very recently, I didn't even know what they were! Let alone avoiding them or taking steps to help them.

and crabs, but for plants, and coral as well. Entire ecosystems, some of the most fertile places of the ocean are being wiped out. In fact, studies have shown that in addition to the bacteria, only jellyfish seem to be able to survive within an actual dead zone.

Dr Saleh went on to explain that "the dead zones are mostly formed as a result of increased input of fertilizers (delivered by rain water run-off from in land) or other

Ocean 'dead zones'

A new global study of Earth's oceans shows a marked increase in the number of "dead zones" – areas of seafloor with too little oxygen to sustain most marine life.

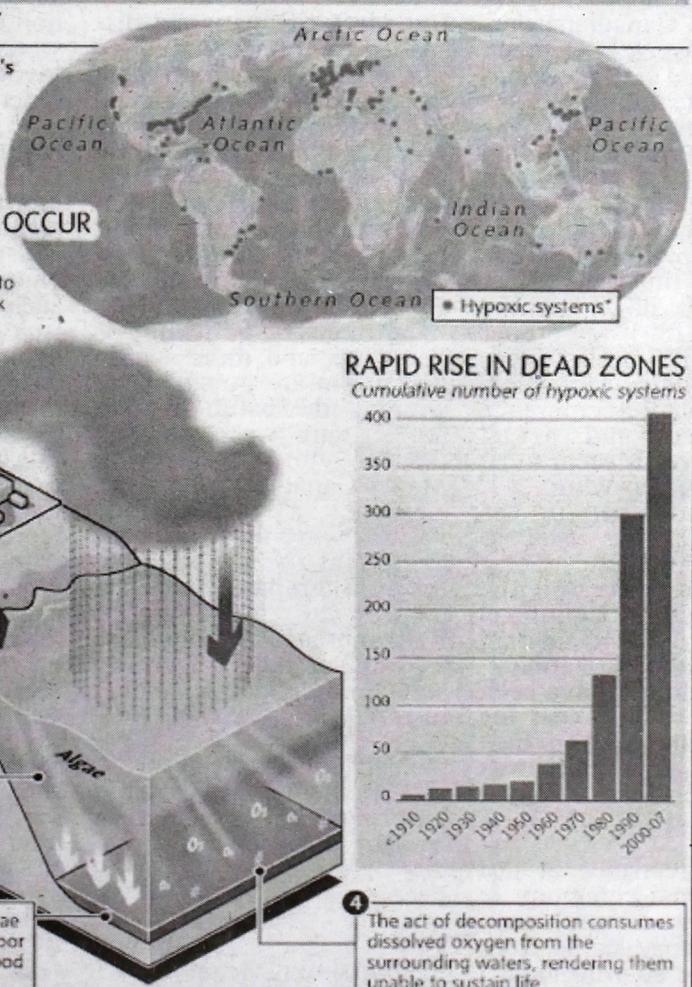
WHY DEAD ZONES OCCUR

1 Pollutants from the burning of fossil fuels rise into the atmosphere and fall back to Earth as rain

Farms use fertilizers, which eventually find their way into the sea

2 Excess nutrients from farm fertilizers and burning fossil fuels – primarily nitrogen and phosphorus – cause a rapid growth of algae in coastal waters

3 When the microscopic algae dies it falls to the ocean floor where it provides a rich food source for bacteria



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Remembrance Day: Lest we forget

CBC News

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Canadians are asked to pause and remember the thousands of men and women who sacrificed their lives fighting for freedom and democracy during the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War, the Afghanistan

As of November 2007, only one was still alive — John Babcock, 107, who was born on an Ontario farm and now lives in the United States.

These soldiers fought in a series of costly and bloody battles and by the end of the war, more than 66,000 Canadian soldiers had died and 172,000 were wounded.

A Consolidated VLR Liberator provides air-cover for a transatlantic convoy



Veteran Affairs Canada

The 29th Battalion, part of the Second Canadian Division, advances into No Man's Land through German barbed wire and heavy fire in the right-centre of the Canadian advance on April 9, 1917.

conflict and during peace-keeping missions.

During the First World War (1914-1918), more than 600,000 Canadian soldiers volunteered to go overseas.

during the Second World War. (Courtesy Veterans Affairs Canada).

They died fighting at Vimy Ridge, Hill 70, Bourlon Wood, Mons, Passchendaele

and Ypres. In Ypres, Canadian soldiers were exposed to German gas attacks, yet continued to fight. They showed amazing tenacity and courage in the face of danger.

During the Second World War, (1939-45) more than one million men and women from Canada and Newfoundland served in combat in the army, air force and navy. More than 47,000 men and women did not come home from that battle.

Canadians lost their lives fighting in Dieppe, Normandy, the North Atlantic, defending Hong Kong, during the liberation of Italy, and in many other important air, sea and land campaigns.

Canadian soldiers dig a trench in Korea. (Courtesy Veterans Affairs Canada).

As of March 2007, Veterans Affairs reported that there were 205,533 living veterans of the Second World War, including 25,684 females. Their average age is 84.

In Korea, 516 Canadian soldiers died during the 1950-53 conflict, in which 26,791 Canadians served. The battles of Hill 355 and Hill 187, among others, saw Canadians fighting in swamps and rice fields, through torrential rain and snow, in the air and at sea.

In 2003, Canada marked the 50th anniversary of the

Korean War Armistice by unveiling the Monument to Canadian Fallen at Confederation Park in Ottawa.

Wreath laid by a nephew at his uncle's grave at Canadian Cemetery No. 2 at Vimy Ridge.

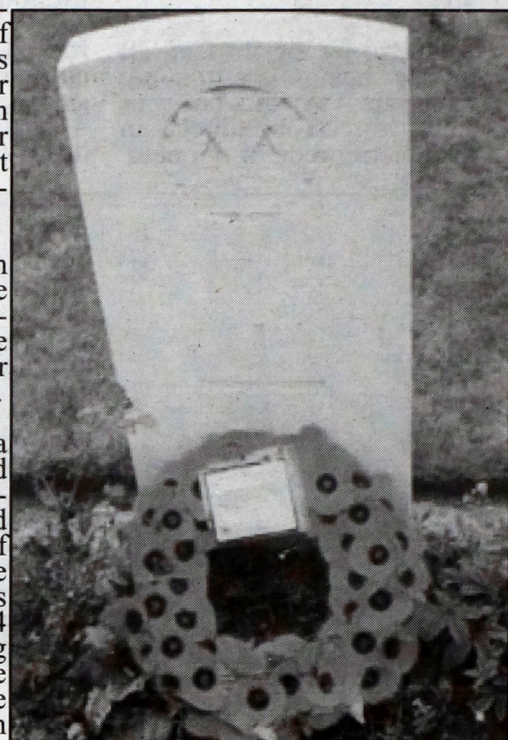
The words "WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOU BRAVE SONS OF CANADA" are inscribed at the base of the monument, which also contains the names of all 516 Canadians who lost their lives in Korean War service or subsequent Korean peace-keeping service.

As of March 2007, there were 13,943 living veterans of the Korean War. Their average age is 76.

In 2004, Canada also remembered the 60th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, where Canadian troops suffered 18,444 casualties. Among them, 5021 were killed. Of all the divisions which formed part of the 21 Army Group, none suffered more casualties than the 3rd and 2nd Canadian.

It was a huge sacrifice — and a huge factor in turning the tide of the war against Hitler's Germany.

The first Remembrance Day, held in 1919 throughout the Commonwealth, was originally called Armistice Day. The day commemorated the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.: the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



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Wreath laid by a nephew at his uncle's grave at Canadian Cemetery No. 2 at Vimy Ridge.

Remembrance Day being forgotten, poll finds

Survey of Canadians reveals steady decline in knowledge and observance of history

ROD MICKLEBURGH
From Friday's Globe and Mail

November 10, 2006

Canadians are beginning to tune out Remembrance Day and many have already tuned out much of our military history, a new poll suggests.

Despite considerable anecdotal evidence that crowds are swelling at Remembrance Day ceremonies as the ranks of world-war veterans thin, just 41 per cent of those surveyed said they intended to take part this year, a nine percentage point drop from last year. At the same time, the poll found Canadians are not up on the country's prominent military heroes, few though they are, with more than one in four identifying storied U.S. General Douglas MacArthur as one of us.

Only 31 per cent of those polled were able to pick out both flying ace Billy Bishop and First World War commander Sir Arthur Currie as outstanding Canadian military heroes from a small list of four that also included Gen. MacArthur and U.S.

Civil War leader Ulysses S. Grant.

Rudyard Griffiths, executive director of the Dominion Institute that commissioned the survey, said he was distressed by the results.

"If you compare them with similar polls in the past, there is a decline in knowledge and a decline in Remembrance Day commitment," said Mr. Griffiths.

"This is a dangerous moment [for Remembrance Day], as we move from a society that still has living links to the experience of war to generations who no longer have that direct, living link."

Mr. Griffiths said he was worried that Canadians are losing not only their history, but their social solidarity, the shared heritage that shaped Canada into the country it is today. "We need to redouble our efforts [to preserve it]," he said.

The Dominion Institute survey was conducted by the Innovative Research Group, which polled approximately 1,000 adult Canadians during the last week in October. A sample that size is considered accurate within 3.1 percentage points.

The most surprising finding concerned tomorrow's Remembrance Day. Asked whether they would be attending a Remembrance Day service this year, 41 per cent said yes, down from 58 per cent in 2001 and 50 per cent as recently as last year. The poll aside, however, few dispute that Remembrance Day interest and actual cenotaph crowds seem to be on a dramatic upswing. "I can remember in the 1980s when we used to hardly get anybody," Gerry Vowles, president of the B.C. and Yukon Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, recalled yesterday. "But the numbers have been going up, and last year the crowd [at the East Vancouver cenotaph] was much larger than I'd ever seen."

Nov. 11 attendance at last year's national ceremony in Ottawa was more than 25,000, a huge boost from the 7,000 or so who tended to show up in the 1990s. And CBC's audience for Ottawa's Remembrance Day

ceremony tripled between 1993 and 2003 to 2.3 million viewers.

But Mr. Griffiths is not dissuaded from his gloom.

The decline in commitment by Canadians to its annual day of remembrance for the war dead has been steady over the years, he said. Increased attendance is coming from "hard-core" faithful adherents who are now even more determined to attend, Mr. Griffiths said. "The intensity of feeling is going up, and more within that group are going. We're winning the battle but I'm not so sure we're winning the war."

Many Canadians, he said, espouse a "feel-good" nationalism that is very emotional but does not translate into action when it comes to attending a Remembrance Day ceremony or actually learning something about Canadian history.

"I feel like the Grinch who stole Remembrance Day, but unfortunately, we seem to be leading these busy, workaday lives and Nov. 11 is becoming a casualty of that." However, the survey found overwhelming support (87 per cent) for making Remembrance Day a national statutory holiday.

Perhaps buttressing concerns of those who oppose the idea out of fear that Nov. 11 will become just another holiday, younger Canadians were significantly more in favour of a day off than older Canadians.

Military historian Terry Copp, meanwhile, is far more sanguine about the poll results than Mr. Griffiths.

Mr. Copp said learning the names of military heroes such as Sir Arthur Currie isn't of much importance in people's daily lives or to 16-year olds "with a lot of other things on their mind."

"Learning bits of information about Canadians in the two world wars does not imply understanding."

Gordon Bannerman, 85, who fought through the bloody Italian and Holland campaigns in the Second World War, has found his own secret weapon to bring the reality of war home to school kids.

Yesterday, at a middle school on Vancouver Island, Mr. Bannerman told two hilarious anecdotes, barely fit for a family audience, about Canadian servicemen blowing themselves up while using "the facilities." Gas and matches were involved. "The kids howled," Mr. Bannerman reported.

Would You Like Dog With That?

Ben Istiphan
Lambda Writer

As we all remember, Atlanta Falcons quarterback, Michael Vick, was condemned for his heinous actions towards man's best friend well over a year ago. Vick is currently serving a 23 month sentence in federal prison after police discovered his illegal dog fighting operation. I can still recall the public's reaction when the story was first revealed by the media. It was sheer disgust and outrage; one could not believe that an individual could stoop so low. In a way, the whole incident may have created a new generation of animal rights activists. At the same time, one can argue that it created a new generation of hypocrites.

From day one, the media portrayed Michael Vick as the Bin Laden of animal cruelty. I am definitely not condoning his actions in any way, but it seems that we have chosen Vick as the scapegoat for our collective acts of animal cruelty. Just imagine how many individuals were scarfing down a quarter-pounder, while simultaneously ridiculing Vick when his image appeared on the television monitor. Our society is so

immersed in the Fast-food Nation that we fail to recognize our practices as consumers as something that is also cruel. Countless farm animals are tortured and killed everyday, yet consumers in capitalist societies are only exposed to the finished product located on the drive-thru menu. Of course our crimes are in no way direct or malicious as Vick's, yet we fail to condemn meat companies who are in no way less malevolent than Vick. I guess some so-called animal rights activists want to believe that killing a few pit bulls is a travesty, yet killing an unfathomable amount of farm animals is acceptable. Maybe I haven't taken the time to thoroughly investigate their point of view. After long extensive research, I have discovered that their negligence towards farm animals do carry some weight. Simply put: farm animals are ugly. In other words, "Dogs are cute and cuddly, while cows are fat and ugly. Finally, some legitimacy! I think we should apply this one step further within our own species. Let's round up Jay Leno and Rosie O'Donnell in order to diversify our fast food menus. At the same time, how about a zero tolerance policy towards crimes committed against the far more attractive

humans, such as Tom Cruise and Jessica Alba.

I don't expect everyone to become a vegetarian, but if one truly cares about the welfare of animals, then it is essential to adhere to lifestyle that reinforces their convictions. It shows that one is willing to make sacrifices for a greater good without any intentions that may sound cynical. My issue is not related to those who don't care, but rather towards those who practice what they don't preach.

In many ways, we are socially constructed to prioritize animals according to our culture. We may demonize a specific culture because we believe that our way of doing things is better, when in reality, a large number of us are just culturally illiterate. We may think that the Chinese are monsters because they eat dog meat, but at the same time, Indian's may think we are monsters because we eat cattle. We pretend that our decisions are based on quality and taste, but deep down inside most of us are driven according to what society labels as acceptable. I suggest Canadians make one of two choices to break this trend of cultural divide. Either recognize all animals as equals or realize that a dog on a bun can be just as enjoyable as anything else.

Explore the Wilderness with Intramural Snow Shoeing!

Ainsley Far
Intramural Administrative Assistant

The temperature is dropping and the snow is ready to fall. This means that Laurentian Students need to unpack their mitts and winter jackets and get ready for Intramural Wilderness Snow Shoeing. You will be lead by an Outdoor Leader through the Laurentian University trails and explore the outdoors while enjoying snow shoeing activities.

Intramural Wilderness Snow Shoeing will run on Friday, January 16 and 23, 2009 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm on the L.U. Fields. Snow shoers of all skill levels are welcome to join. Registration for Intramural Wilderness Snow

Shoeing is from Monday, November 10 to Friday, November 14, 2008 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Register at the Active Living Office (B226) in the Ben Avery Building. It costs \$2/person to participate. Rentals are available for \$2/pair but there is limited space and rental availability. Please bring your shoe size when you register. Sign up quickly to ensure your spot.

So gather up a group of friends and sign up for a fun adventure. Explore your University and have fun learning a new skill. Please bring warm clothes and footwear and dress in layers. This event is available to Laurentian Students Only. For more information contact Active Living at 705-675-1151 x 1018 or 1082.

Women's Intramural Basketball

Laura Payne, Intramural Women's Basketball Convenor

This year's Women's Intramural Basketball League has been a great success so far. The league runs every Tuesday and Thursday from nine in the evening until midnight. The league this year is running with five extremely enthusiastic teams who always show great excitement and team spirit. The season is at its

half-way point and the standings are neck-to-neck. So far the leading team is Team #1 - U of S with a 6-0 record. In the competition for second place there is a tie between Team #2 - SSR and Team #4 - The Ballers, both with a 4-2 record. Thank you to all the teams for your participation and positive attitudes throughout the season. We are looking forward to some strong playoff action in the future. Fans are welcome to come and cheer for your favourite team! Hope to see you out there!

Biosoc Hike Event

Chris Blomme
Lambda Contributor

Our rendezvous was scheduled for 9:00 a.m., a very decent hour for some of us. We arrived a little early, at the Fraser Auditorium, in the Science two building and were greeted by several club organizers decked out in hiking gear, packs and warm clothes. Bright yellow pack-sack and bright red coats stood out against some more subdued attire. The first item on the agenda was to grab a bottle of water offered to all the participants. Clearly, we were to be hydrated no matter where we ended up by the end of the adventure. A document was signed in case of emergencies and then we waited briefly for the late comers. Car logistics for

transport dictated that today we would walk to the start of point. Collectively the Biosociety Club came to the consensus that we would do our Saturday hike along the Bennet Lake trail, which was situated very close to the Physical Education Centre (Ben Avery).

This was one of the first events attended by Biosoc and it came off as a smashing success. There were twenty one participants including students from different disciplines, faculty and staff. The weather was great with bright blue skies, and a temperature moderate enough to cope with the clothes we were wearing. The trail entered from the golf course corner near the Parker building and it did not take long before we were intrigued by the many examples of mosses, lichens and mushrooms that grew along the trail.

Black-capped chickadees called and moved along side us and a distance dark-eyed junco called. The theme of the hike was one of natural surrender. Several members shared their expertise on the various subjects surrounding our environment on campus. Later in the hike we concentrated on the actual traveling, as the trail would take a good hour without interruptions. Near Bennet Lake there were some misplaced fungi that were of a decent size. They make good canvasses for small paintings and several members collected a few fungi for this purpose. One individual came to the aid of others to acquire good examples from the dead birch. As we came into the clearing at Bennet Lake we took a small break for photo opportunities and snacks, and of course, hydration. Watching over the

lake one observer keenly noted a large bird sailing over the group. Everyone looked up to see the juvenile bald eagle grace us with its presence. From high in the sky to low in the ground small invertebrates that found some niche in the area were observed. One person found a small cluster of ladybird beetles and their larvae feeding off aphids. Two others found syrphid larvae in the immediate area. We were digressing. By now time was catching up on us so we decided to put a little more speed to our walk. On the far shore there was some elevation and we were able to get excellent views of Sudbury's skyline, including Science North, Maki Avenue and the Big Nickel. We could also get some good perspective on the lay out of Laurentian University and again several

photos were taken. The trail looped around Bennet Lake and we were back to the campus near the base of the cross country ski trail before we knew it. Canada geese greeted us on the race track lawn as we decided to wind down and part our separate ways. The trek took three and a half hours and many of the members viewed trails and perspectives that they were not aware of before. Many people made new acquaintances and concluded that it was not a bad way to spend an interesting morning. The campus has plenty to offer! Thanks goes to coordinators Deidre and Kierann in Biology and Caroline and her friend from Physical Education for their help and participation. by Chris Blomme (675-1151 ext 2115)



Chris Blomme

Bennet Lake near the physical education complex

Coat / Hat/ Mitt Drive



Sudbury winters are cold. Not everyone in Sudbury has warm clothes for winter.

Get new coat/hat/mitts this year? Have old ones that you don't wear anymore? Bring them to Laurentian University in November to be given to the Salvation Army homeless shelter.

Boxes marked 'Coat/Hat/Mitt Drive' located at:

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- Student Centre (At the coffee club table)

For more info e-mail: outersclub@gmail.com

VOYAGEURS DROP FIRST OF REGULAR SEASON TO YOURK, 106-97.

Erik Foo
Sports Information Writer

The Laurentian men's basketball squad drop their first regular season game to the York Lions 106-97, Sunday afternoon. Matas Tirilis led Laurentian with 24 points and 13 rebounds, while Mitch Mallette, Bryan Davidson, Paul Kovacs, and David Otterbein all finished with double figures in the loss. York's Tut Ruach, led all scorers with 37 points and seven assists while his teammate David Tyndale scored 25 points and five assists in the win.

The first quarter saw Laurentian keep up with the Lions, exchanging the lead through out the frame. The first half ended with Laurentian up by two, 29-27. The second quarter saw Laurentian's defence crumble as York was able to put up 28 points, and build a slight lead as the first half ended. The score was 55-48, for the Lions as they headed to the dressing rooms.

The second half saw Laurentian battle hard, as they attempted to cut into York's first half lead. It was Tirilis' (Mississauga, Ont.) strong

efforts at the free throw line that allowed the Voyageurs to keep up with York's hot hands from the field. However, York's Ruach (Mississauga) who finished with 31, would not allow Laurentian to do this as he knocked down many key shots down the stretch, giving the Lions a lead that Laurentian could catch up to. As the buzzer sounded to end the game, the Lions were up 106-97 over the Voyageurs.

Laurentian's Tirilis led his team with 24 points and 13 rebounds to complete the double-double, while Mallette (Sudbury, Ont.), Davidson (Sudbury), Kovacs (Barrie, Ont.), and Otterbein (London, Ont.) all finished with 15, 18, 16, and 14 points respectively. York's Tyndale (Mississauga) also had a great game for the Lions as he tallied 25 points in the win.

"Our defence struggled throughout the game," said head coach Shawn Swords. "The guys really played hard and it showed."

The Laurentian will look to get their first win of the season next week against the Brock badgers. The game will be played in St. Catharines, with game time scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday, November 7 2008.

#10 LADY VEES SWEEP LIONS IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL

Erik Foo
Sports Information Writer

The Laurentian women's basketball team defeated the York Lions, 74-62, Sunday afternoon. Laurentian's Darrah Bumstead, and York's Laura Macallum led the way with 19 points each, while Lady Vees' Katie Goggins added eight assists in the victory. The beginning of the game saw Laurentian come out strong, building an early lead. York countered the Lady Vees strong play, by changing their defensive strategy to zone. This allowed the Lions to quickly get back in the game, only to trail Laurentian by a

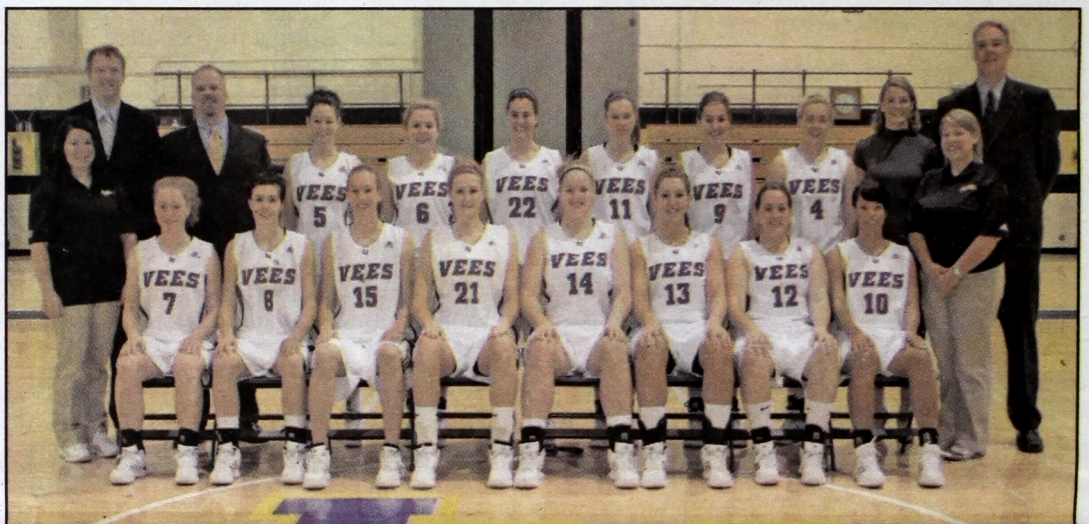
small margin, 22-19, at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Vees would not permit the Lions to get any closer, as they remained focused, hitting many key shots and not allowing York to get any second chances. The first half ended with Laurentian up, 37-28 as they headed to the dressing rooms.

The second half began much like the first, with the Lady Vees continuing their strong play, allowing them to take full control of the game. Thanks to Bumstead's (New Hamburg, Ont.) excellent rebounding down the stretch, Laurentian was able to keep their lead at double digits. The game ended with Laurentian up 74-62. Bumstead led her team with 19 points and

nine rebounds, while Goggins (Hanmer, Ont.) had seven points and eight helpers. Macallum (Paris, Ont.) made a strong effort, as she led York with 19 points in the loss.

"York is a great team and we did not have as much success against them in recent years," said head coach Mike Clarke.

The #10 Lady Vees now lead the OUA East division 2-0 and will look to extend their winning streak next week against the Brock Badgers and Guelph Gryphons. Friday, November 7, 2008 the Lady Vees will be in St. Catharines, at Brock University starting at 6 p.m., and Saturday, November 8th they will be in Guelph, with tip also scheduled for 6 p.m.



LADY VEES AND VOYAGEURS IMPRESSIVE IN POOL

Martin Rourke
Media Relations Officer

The Laurentian Lady Vees and Voyageurs made an impressive splash in the pool this weekend when they hosted York, Wilfrid Laurier and Waterloo Universities along with the NEOR all-stars. The Lady Vees finished atop the standings with a total of 680 points while the Voyageurs ended up in second with 703.50 points.

The meet, held at the Jeni Tihanyi Olympic Gold pool saw Laurentian swimmers stand atop the podium 14 times individually and another two times for relays. The Voyageurs were led by Blair

Smith (Cobourg, Ont.) who won all four of his races, while Tuan Anh Pham (Vietnam) won two races, 100 and 200 metre breaststroke, in times that qualified him for the CIS championships. Eric Dupuis (Sudbury, Ont.) and Kyle Moore (Brampton, Ont.) each picked up a victory apiece. The Voyageurs finished in second place with 703.5 points, 62.5 points behind the champion Waterloo Warriors.

The Lady Vees were led by Brittany Maltais (Charlottetown) who won three of four races she swam in. Kyleigh Commito (Sudbury) finished first twice, in the three races she competed in, while Jennifer

Piper won one race. The Lady Vees also took home two relay golds, Maltais, Piper, Cassandra Kawiuk (Oakville, Ont.) and Commito won both the 200 and 800 metre freestyle relays. The Lady Vees came out on top of the standings with 680 points, 41.5 points ahead of the next best squad.

"Blair really led by example by winning all his four, a rookie individual races and helping our relay teams to a pair of second

place finishes," said head coach Phil Parker. "Brittany also led by example with strong individual performances and was strong in the relay wins as well."

The swim team now have a short break where they will

train hard for the Eynon Divisionals hosted by Guelph on November 15th and 16th. Voyageurs and Lady Vees will look to slash their times as they reach for finish line and hope to qualify for the CIS championships.



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